

BOOK REVIEW

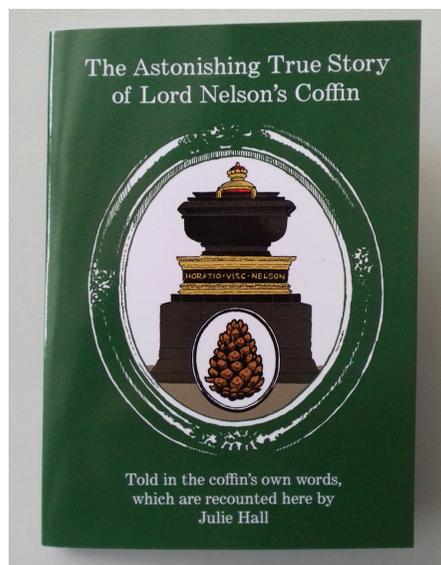
Friend of the Nelson Garden, author **Julie Hall** has recently published *The Astonishing True Story of Lord Nelson's Coffin*.

Published by The Nelson Society at £7.99

ISBN 978-1-85580-067-0 Now available from the shop at The Nelson Museum Monmouth.

Here is a fascinating little tale, told from the point of view of a pine cone, dropped on the forest floor and many years later, felled to become the main mast of a French man of war. Julie manages to weave her story around lots of shipyard detail and cultural context including the origin of the poem 'The Boy Stood on the Burning Deck'

Illustrated with line drawings throughout and coming in a suitably pine green coloured cover.



The Nelson Garden Preservation Trust

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MAKING USE OF THE GARDEN

Don't forget, The Nelson Garden can be hired for your private party or event. It costs £75 to hire the Garden for the day but there is a £10 discount to 'Friends' of the Nelson Garden who make a booking. Please contact our Booking Secretary Penny Thomas for more information: 01600 715507

Why not visit the garden on our public open days Thursday, Friday and Saturday between April and October. Bring your coffee or a picnic.

Some groups already visit the garden on a regular basis to play croquet or meet for a quiet chat in lovely surroundings. We welcome you to do the same in 2019.

Dogs are permitted in the garden as long as they are kept on a lead and any 'accidents' are dealt with hygienically and not left in the garden as we also welcome young children to play.

We would welcome visits by groups from Residential Homes, Day Centres, Playgroups and Schools.

Chepstow RNLI are visiting the garden on 18th May and will complete the new Nelson Triangle Tour of Garden, Museum and Kymin.

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THE NELSON GARDEN MONMOUTH



NEWSLETTER

NO.17 WINTER 2018/2019

Dear Friends,

Here we are—almost 2019 and looking forward to the start of a new gardening year.

The AGM at High Glanau in November was well attended, the business got through briskly so that we had plenty of time in the short hours of daylight to admire and enjoy the views from the house and tuck in to a lovely afternoon tea in the Billiard Room.

Helena Gerrish gave a presentation on the progress which has been made during 2018 with our Heritage Lottery Funding and other grants. It is quite an amazing achievement, with so many improvements to the site. Thanks to all who have been willing to give up their time as Garden Volunteers and as Committee Members and especially to our outgoing Chairman Helena Gerrish.

I would like to welcome Brian Hall, a valued Friend of the garden who has offered to help by joining the committee.

A Treasurer's task is no easy one and beyond the ability of most of the rest of us. My thanks go to Barbara Atkins who has agreed to carry on in the role for another term. We are on-track financially with a healthy balance at the moment. However we do need to increase our Membership fee to enable us to continue the success. This was agreed at the AGM, so from March 2019 Friends Membership will be £10 and £18 for joint membership. Hopefully you will all continue to support the Nelson Garden and I look forward to seeing you in 2019.

Susan Amos *Chairman*

Winter

Gardener Volunteers Coffee morning and planning meeting Friday 11th Jan. 11am. If you are thinking of joining us as a garden volunteer please come along to our coffee morning. Ring Penny:01600 715507

Spring

Garden Opens to the public

Thursday, Friday and Saturday

10am—4.00pm

4th April until 26th October.

Bees for Development Day Sunday 19th May 2019

National Garden Scheme Wednesday 22nd May

1.30—5pm £4. Children Free. Refreshments.

Summer

Watercolour in the Garden with Susan Amos.

Saturday 8th June 1pm—3pm.

Instruction & materials provided. Donations.

Nelson Garden Party

Sunday 18th August 3pm. Our annual celebration of Nelson's visit to the garden in 1802. £10

There will also be regular monthly talks in the Garden on Fridays and occasional coffee mornings. Times will vary but will be advertised in the Newsletters.

Autumn

Annual Lecture October

Pumpkin Carving demonstration October.

Annual General Meeting November

Early 19th Century Roses; getting the look.

Our garden planting plan has been designed by Liz Whittle. The list includes many roses which would be suitable for the Nelson Garden.

We already have a large bed of the modern rose from David Austin produced in 2005 : *Lady Emma Hamilton*. This peach coloured rose with red buds and bronze green leaves has a rich fruity scent and keeps giving month after month. We hope to make a matching bed of the same to flank the other side of the pond, once the ironwork is complete.

Peter Beale the Norfolk grower bred the *Horatio Nelson* rose in 1997, a double pink repeat flowering rose which is a slow starter, but robust and reliable once established. This modern shrub rose has the look and scent of an old fashioned specimen. We only have one bush at the moment. They are only available from the grower as bare-root cuttings. Donation anyone?

In other parts of the garden we have the climbers with Austin's *Generous Gardener*, with its pale pink, fragrant nodding blooms grown on the perimeter railings overlooking Chippenham Mead.

One of Liz's suggestions is for the *Spong* rose introduced in 1805 (very suitable!) This is a deep pink double centifolia type with a very strong scent. It is available from another Norfolk grower, Trevor White.



Horatio & Emma roses with Nelson sweet pea

The Urns which are to adorn the top of the newly restored Nelson memorial pavilion are now ready. They are carved from old oak which will fade to a lovely silver grey in time. Leaving them in an unpainted state would probably be more historically accurate for such a garden structure, but of course they may look a little strange at first. They are carved in such a way as to deceive the eye so that they look fully three-dimensional from the front. They have cost £175 for each one. The remaining twenty five pounds from each generous donation will be spent on the strong metal fixings to attach them to the rail on the roof of the pavilion.



Crafted by John Haddaway. Photo: John Thorneycroft

We eagerly await the return of the iron work around the pavilion sometime during January, and commencement of the building of a new pond surround- weather permitting.